

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2014 AT 6.30PM

Present: Cllr Graham Isherwood, Cllr Margaret Isherwood, Cllr John Jackson, Cllr William Mulroe, Cllr Jan Power, Cllr Richard Taylor (Mayor), Cllr Clive Tennant, Cllr M Tennant-King, Cllr Stephen Vickers, Cllr John Wright.

Apologies: Cllr Dennis Stapleton

In Attendance: Sue Coles (Town Clerk) Vicky Symons (Admin Assistant).

Members of the Public: Two

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and received the apologies from Councillor D Stapleton.

2. Minutes of last year's meeting.

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on the 17th April 2013 were distributed with the agenda and also available at the meeting. It was agreed that they were a correct record.

3. Mayor and Town Clerk's report.

The Town Clerk had compiled a full report of the Council's activities during the year from which the Mayor referred to in his address to the meeting. He was very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. V Symons as Administration Assistant which allowed the Council office to be open for 5 mornings per week. The report will be published on the website and attached to the minutes.

4. Accounts 2013/14

The Town Clerk announced that the Audited accounts for 2012/13 are available at the meeting for inspection and the accounts for 2013/14 would be available in June or September at which time they will have been received back from the external Auditor.

5. Questions from Electors

Mrs. M Townend asked about The Purston E-ACT Academy and as to whether it will continue as an academy. The Mayor replied that E-ACT are a private company and are not obliged to inform the Local Authority. It is thought they are trying to find another financial supporter. Councillor G Isherwood advised it was the Government responsibility to find another sponsor and nothing could be confirmed. Mrs. Townend asked as to whether it will close but the Mayor and Councillor Isherwood said that anything said at the meeting would be pure speculation. Wakefield Council first learned, that the Ofstead report was terrible, from the newspapers.

Councillor Tennant added, as a parent of a pupil at the school, that there had supposed to be a parents evening recently but this had been cancelled and he was very concerned about the situation.

6. Closure

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 6.47pm